

CLAIMS

1.-. Floor covering, of the type comprising oblong, and
5 more particularly rectangular, strip-shaped hard floor
panels with a layered structure, which panels extend in
parallel rows, wherein this floor covering comprises
floor panels of at least two different lengths, whereby
these different lengths are realized at the
10 manufacturer's.

2.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein the
floor panels show a wood and/or parquetry pattern at
their upper surface.

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3.- Floor covering according to claim 2, wherein the
floor panels each are provided with one continuous wood
pattern over the entire surface of the respective floor
panel.

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4.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein said
floor panels of different lengths have the same width.

5.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein, as
25 aforementioned, it comprises floor panels of different
lengths, however, also comprises floor panels (2) of
different widths.

6.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein said
30 floor panels each are provided with mechanical coupling
parts at their four edges.

7.- Floor covering according to claim 6, wherein the coupling parts, at least at two opposite edges of each floor panel, and preferably at both pairs of opposite edges, are realized such that, when realizing a coupling
5 with an adjoining floor panel, a locking is obtained in vertical as well as horizontal directions.

8.- Floor covering according to claim 1, comprising floor panels of at least three different lengths, which
10 lengths are realized at the manufacturer's.

9.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein, at least for the floor panels of a well-defined width, the floor panels of the largest length are present in a
15 larger number than each of the respective floor panels of another well-defined length.

10.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein at least the floor panels of the largest length have a
20 length which is at least eight times, and even better at least ten times, the width of these floor panels.

11.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein the floor panels consist of laminate panels, more
25 particularly panels which, at least at their upper side, are formed of one or more layers, more particularly paper layers, soaked in resin and pressed on top of each other, amongst which a printed decorative layer.

30 12.- Floor covering according to claim 1, wherein at least a number of the floor panels, which, as aforementioned, have a different length, is formed from

one and the same plate which is sawn into the respective floor panels.

13.- Floor panel, characterized in that it is a floor
5 panel which allows to form a floor covering according to any of the preceding claims.

14.- Set of floor panels, which substantially consists of floor panels of at least two different lengths which
10 allow to form at least a part of a floor covering according to any of the claims 1 to 12.

15.- Set of floor panels according to claim 14, wherein this set is packed into one and the same package, more
15 particularly in one and the same box.

16.- Method for packaging floor panels, characterized in that floor panels are concerned which exist of rectangular oblong strip-shaped hard floor panels, which
20 are intended to form a floor covering comprising floor panels which, at the manufacturer's, are made at least in two lengths, and that, when packaging them, floor panels of different lengths are provided in one and the same package, more particularly in one and the same box.

25 17.- Method according to claim 16, wherein the floor panels are packaged such that each package contains floor panels allowing to cover precisely a well-defined surface.

30 18.- Method according to claim 16, wherein the floor panels are stacked flat in a box, whereby said panels

are provided therein in such a manner that they never can tilt in a horizontal position of the box.

19.- Method for packaging flooring parts, more particularly flooring panels, according to claim 16, wherein said method is applied for flooring parts for realizing a floor covering according to any of the claims 1 to 12.

20.- Method for manufacturing floor panels for forming a floor covering according to any of the claims 1 to 12, wherein this method comprises the steps of forming plates with a layered structure and sawing these plates into rectangular oblong strip-shaped floor panels of at least two different lengths, whereby, during manufacturing, also coupling parts are formed at the edges thereof.

21.- Method according to claim 20, wherein floor panels of different lengths are manufactured from one and the same plate.

22.- Method according to claim 21, wherein the plate is provided with a pattern and is sawn to form floor panels according to any of the following possibilities:

- the plate is provided with separate patterns per floor panel to be formed, after which the plate is sawn into floor panels in function of the borderlines of these patterns;
- the plate is provided with a continuous pattern at least in the longitudinal direction of the floor

panels to be formed, after which the plate is sawn into floor panels of the desired lengths;

- the plate is provided with a pattern continuing over the entire surface of the plate, after which
5 the plate is sawn into floor panels of the desired lengths.

23.- Method according to claim 22, wherein the plates first are divided into strips, more particularly are
10 sawn into strips, subsequently coupling parts are formed at the long sides of these strips, and only afterwards the floor panels of different lengths are formed from these strips, after which then coupling parts are formed at the short sides of the floor panels, too.